

MINUTES OF RETREAT OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANFORD
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

The City Council met in retreat at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, in Sanford, North Carolina, on Monday, March 5, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. The following people were present:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem Walter H. McNeil, Jr.	Council Member James G. Williams
Council Member Dan Harrington	Council Member Joseph Martin
Council Member Mike Stone	Council Member Steve Brewer
City Manager Leonard Barefoot	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie D. White	

Mayor Olive called the meeting to order, and City Manager Leonard Barefoot welcomed council members to the 13th annual retreat. Staff updated Council by discussing the following items:

- A. Financial Overview Power Point Presentation by Finance Director Melissa Cardinali and Assistant Financial Services Director Beth Kelly. Mrs. Cardinali gave an overview of the different funds. She informed Council that Lee County went to a four-year valuation cycle and a reval will be conducted next year. Mrs. Cardinali explained that we received \$800,387 in Powell Bill funds for this fiscal year, and this money can only be used on streets or sidewalks. Most of the time, the City has to supplement this fund due to the increased cost of asphalt, etc. She informed Council that the sanitation contract with Waste Management will expire next year. Discussions were held on the various revenues and expenditures by the different funds. – (Exhibit A)

Utility Accountant Tasha Moore gave a presentation on how a business privilege license tax could be implemented. She explained the benefits, cost, and enforcement of the program. – (Exhibit B)

- B. Golf Course Overview by City Manager Leonard Barefoot and Golf Course Pro/Manager David Von Canon. City Manager Leonard Barefoot explained that the golf course is part of our history and is very important to the people in this community. He added that the golf course has never made much money, but did make some money when we took over the concessions. He stated that the Lee County Parks and Recreation does not make money, and its budget last year was \$1.7 million. Mr. Barefoot added that the Lee County Enrichment Center does not pay its own way either. He noted that it is a quality of life issue, and he felt the course would return to a day when it will pay for its operation.

Golf Course Pro/Manager David Von Canon talked about the change in personnel at the golf course. He now has a mechanic who has saved the golf course a lot of money; a man in the maintenance department; a lady who worked at Pinehurst #6 who has changed the overall appearance and cleanliness of the course; a greens superintendent who sees the course from a player's point of view; and a new assistant manager who is very conscientious. Mr. Von Canon informed council of the new drainage that was installed at Fairway #4, wall at #8 tee

was removed and replaced with a new flower plant bed, and several unwanted trees were removed. New windows were replaced on the golf course building along with a new back door.

Mr. Von Canon added that rounds of play are ahead of last year. He informed Council of their marketing efforts to increase play.

C. Public Works Presentation by Public Works Director Larry Thomas.- (Exhibit C)

- Status of Sewer Line Rehabilitation – Mr. Thomas explained there are 175 miles on the sewer system. There are 70 miles of sewer lines that are 50 years and older. There are 18 miles of cured-in-place liners installed now, and we will have completed 30 miles or 43% of the old lines by July 2007.
- Status of Northview Lift Station – Mr. Thomas explained that the construction of the Northview Sewer Lift Station would help eliminate some of the sewer spills that are occurring now. They would eliminate the Little Buffalo Lift Station. This would increase the capacity at Northview and serve the Wyeth expansion.
- Wastewater Plant Growth Strategy - Mr. Thomas talked about the expansion of the wastewater plant. The design would cost approximately \$1.5 million and construction would be around \$8.5 million. He would like to start with the design in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and construction in 2008 – 2010. The instrumentation would be changed out so that the plant could be monitored from within the building. General upgrades would also be done such as replacing pumps, valves, electrical, and mechanical equipment. The expansion would increase the plant's capacity to 9.0 mgd.
- Proposed Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Projects – Mr. Thomas spoke about constructing a new wastewater plant at the Cape Fear River. This would take about 15 years to get on line. He listed other projects such as clearwell rehab/baffling and a water rate study totaling \$1.7 million and \$3.7 million in sewer projects for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.
- Update on Graffiti Removal – Mr. Thomas informed Council that graffiti had been removed from 130 locations. The chemical cost is \$1,556, and the total cost including labor and equipment is \$8,560.
- Update on Mowing Contract with D.O.T. – Mr. Thomas stated that the Department of Transportation bid its mowing contract and the bid came in at \$60 per shoulder mile. The City will mow the rights-of-way on state streets within the City limits (excluding U. S. Highway #1). There are approximately 740 shoulder miles at \$60 per shoulder mile; the City will be paid \$44,400 for mowing in 2007.

D. Economic Development – (Exhibit D)

Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts spoke about the makeup of the Lee County Economic Development Board and its functions. He gave an update on the 705-acre airport. They currently have 95 planes located at the airport amounting to \$27,110,025 in value including the hangars. He mentioned that the Airport Authority would be coming to the City and County for help to purchase more hangars. They have received \$474,463 in revenue from the sale of gas.

City Manager Barefoot discussed a proposal from The Buxton Company – (Exhibit E). This company helps cities to market themselves for retailers. John Daniels, Bob Heuts, and Bob Joyce attended this session. John Daniels will be going to Las Vegas and will check into this company.

- E. MIS Director John Clayton spoke on the government access channel and what is being displayed on Channel 11. He informed council about the new Munis software being installed for the Finance Department. – (Exhibit F)

Closed Session--Legal Issues

Mayor Pro Tem Walter McNeil, Jr. made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney/client privilege. Seconded by Council Member Steve Brewer, the motion carried unanimously.

ALL EXHIBITS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

Return to Open Session and Recess

The meeting was recessed until Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 8:30 A.M., at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford, North Carolina. Council members met at Casa Toscana Restaurant for dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cornelia P. Olive, Mayor

Bonnie D. White, City Clerk

